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1. PRACTICE REGARDING NOTIFICATION BY SOVIET MILITARY
PERSONNEL DEPARTING US TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY VARIES
AMONG THE THREE SERVICES:

A. SOVIET AIR ATTACHE PERSONNEL ADVISE AIR FORCE LIAISON
OFFICE OF DEPARTURES FROM U.S., BUT NOT ALWAYS BEFORE
TRAVEL BEGINS.

B. NAVY LIAISON OFFICE REPORTS THAT SOVIET NAVAL
OFFICE NORMALLY NOTIFIES LIAISON OFFICE OF DEPARTURE OF
ATTACHE AND PROVIDES NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE
IN HIS ABSENCE.

C. ARMY LIAISON OFFICE IS NOT NOTIFIED OF DEPARTURE OF
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SOVIET ARMY ATTACHE PERSONNEL.

2. CONSENSUS OF THREE SERVICES IS THAT WHILE LIAISON OFFICES WOULD CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO KNOW WHEN SOVIET ATTACHE PERSONNEL LEAVE AND REENTER THE U.S., IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE WORTHWHILE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH

SOVIETS IN CONTEXT OF RECIPROCITY. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLY HIGHER LEVEL OF INTERNAL TRAVEL BY US ATTACHES THAN BY SOVIET COUNTERPARTS, AND GREATER VALUE OF THIS TRAVEL TO US THAN TO SOVIETS, IT WOULD BE DAMAGING TO US IF THEY ALSO SOUGHT TO PUT FREQUENCY AND TYPE OF TRAVEL ON RECIPROCAL BASIS.

3. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH DOD AND SERVICE LIAISON OFFICES. KISSINGER

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